

Bureau of Substance Use Disorders Update Idaho Regional Advisory Committees

April/May 2010

Message from the Chief

First, I must apologize for how long it has been since a RAC newsletter has been sent. Because I now have one of my staff coordinating the writing of the newsletter instead of me, the newsletters will come out much more frequently.

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As we come to the end of the fiscal year 2010 program year, I would like to take a moment and reflect on the many changes that took place in FY10 and also say thank you to all of the RAC members who have stuck with the Department over a tumultuous year. Significant accomplishments include:

- ❑ New IDAPA standards were written and approved by the legislature to include Recovery Support Services for the first time
- ❑ New IDAPA standards were written and approved for Detox/Mental Health Crisis facilities
- ❑ GAIN/WITS Interface was completed and implemented
- ❑ Medicaid billing procedures were implemented and a Medicaid Specialty Network was developed
- ❑ New applications for treatment and RSS providers were developed and implemented
- ❑ All QP's in the network were reviewed and given official QP status
- ❑ A new ATR grant application was written and submitted
- ❑ Huge strides were made to move forward with implementing the complete WITS system

Again, thank you for all your hard work and dedication. It is extremely appreciated.

Budget

As many of you are aware the substance use disorder treatment budget went over budget during fiscal year 2010. BPA has graciously increased their line of credit so they can pay providers for services the Department will not be able to pay BPA for until July 1, 2010. Going over budget means we will have less money for treatment and RSS services in fiscal year 2011 which begins July 1, 2010. ICESA has created several population specific committees to work on the final budget for FY11. These meetings are taking place the week of June 7th. I will keep you updated with new information as it becomes available.

The prevention budget for FY11 will remain at the same level as FY10 so no prevention programming will be eliminated.

QUALIFIED SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PROFESSIONAL

We continue to process the applications that were submitted for Qualified Substance Use Disorders Professional (QSUDP) and Qualified Substance Use Disorders Professional Trainee (QSUDPT). With the deadline for submission looming, we received a large volume of application materials on April 29th and April 30th. We continue to process this material. If you are wondering about your status, please continue to monitor the website at the following link:

<http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=00WBbLJyVjl%3d&tabid=1004&mid=5217>

To date:

The number of QSUDP applications processed:	560
QSUDP Designation:	367
QSUDPT Designation:	53
Incomplete:	140

For those of you who have submitted information and the website is not reflecting any change, we are working through the application materials as quickly as possible. The website is updated weekly. Your patience during this process is appreciated.

PEER REVIEW PROCESS IS COMPLETE

In accordance to the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SAPTBG) requirements, each grantee is to provide for an independent peer review process. The focus for Idaho's Peer Review this year was adult residential programs. The peer reviews were initiated in March and concluded at the beginning of May. The goal of the reviews is to review the quality and appropriateness of treatment services. The peer reviewers are individuals with expertise in the field.

The peer reviews offer an opportunity for reviewers to visit other programs. This is designed to be a positive experience with the chance to observe how other programs provide services, and to have an exchange with employees from other programs.

Thanks to the following programs:

Walker Center – Gooding
Port of Hope – Nampa
Road to Recovery – Pocatello
Port of Hope – Coeur D' Alene
Addiction Rehabilitation Association, Inc. – Idaho Falls

Thanks to the following Peer Reviewers:

Bridget Hurd	Kristin Nelson
Lori Farrens	Anne Schulthies
Linda Jacobs	Heidi Stallings
Aishie Lindula	Dixie Taylor
Sherri Molina	JoLynn Tracy

NEW RULES!! - IDAPA 16.07.20

ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

The new rules went into effect 05/01/2010. You may find them on the internet at: <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=O82fH4aZwIY%3d&tabid=1002&mid=5210>

RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES

As you may be aware, several new standards governing Recovery Support Services (RSS) went into effect on May 1, 2010 (IDAPA 16.07.20). Along with treatment facilities, RSS providers are now required to comply with new rules relating to Criminal Background Checks and the availability of CPR and First Aid trained staff during business hours. Below are some other notable changes to RSS.

- Fees for initial approval and renewal are now in effect (Treatment and Recovery Support facility: \$100; Recovery Support Services facility only: \$50).
- Clinical Case Management (CCM) will no longer be a Recovery Support Service. CCM is now a treatment service.
- The approval and renewal process for treatment providers that deliver RSS will be conducted by the Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT).
- The same form can now be used to apply or renew as a treatment and/or RSS provider. This form is available on the Bureau of Substance Use Disorders website.

If you have questions or concerns related to Recovery Support Services, please contact Ryan Phillips at phillipr@dhw.idaho.gov or 208.334.6610.

Primary Prevention Services

The application period for 2011 prevention funding has closed. Almost sixty agencies applied for funds to deliver evidenced based substance abuse prevention programs and community coalitions across the state of Idaho. Most applications propose to continue substance abuse prevention services they currently deliver. As in past years, applications will be reviewed for ability to meet identified need and contracting for the 2011 state fiscal year will begin in June.

Prevention Institute 2010

Qualified Prevention Professional courses will be offered during the next year, but the way they will be offered will be different than in past years. Due to provider training needs, it appears that providing courses at the regional level may be a more efficient use of funds and provider time. More information about the upcoming training opportunities will be posted at www.preventionidaho.net.



GAIN

Testing of the updated version of the GAIN Stand Alone has begun and will soon be moving into the pilot phase of testing. The updated version will replace the ABS GAIN Legacy currently being used to conduct assessments in Jail and will interface with WITS.

WITS

In 2010 the Legislature appropriated funds to the Office of Drug Policy to be used for the development of WITS for BSUD providers. The Department is currently working on modifications to WITS modules for use in Idaho and should begin pilot testing these modules in the next several weeks. This includes modules for Admission, Program Enrollment, Treatment and Discharge

2010 Prevention Award

Congratulations to Penny Jones the recipient of the Department of Health and Welfare's Prevention Award. The award was presented to Penny at the Prevention Conference in Sun Valley. In 2002, Penny started the Idaho Drug Free Youth (IDFY) chapter at Rimrock Junior/Senior High School. Today, Penny's chapter includes 117 students out of 178 enrolled. Penny's students will tell you that she is and continues to be a mentor, friend, and true role model to their school and community. Penny gives freely of her time and she continues to develop, support, and implement positive programs and find funding streams for teens to enjoy a substance free environment. Penny knows and has proven that early prevention and continued education with youth empowers them to look inside themselves to find the strength and commitment to be successful at any endeavor they choose.

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